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SUBJECT: THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING MANGANESE

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1. LEON TEMPELSMAN AND SONS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED AGAIN BY CULEMANS, BELGIAN CITIZEN PURPORTING TO REPRESENT KATANGAN GENDARMES IN SALE OF MANGANESE, WHO SAYS THAT AMOUNT OF MANGANESE BEING OFFERED IS 650,000 TONS NOT 65,000 AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. ALL RPT ALL OF THE MANGANESE IS PRESENTLY IN ANGOLA.

2. TEMPELSMAN HAS QUERIED UNION CARBIDE WHO SAY (A) THEY HAVE CONTRACT WITH SMK (SOCIETE MINIERE DE KISENGE) FOR PRODUCTION AND WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ZAIRIAN MINERAL THROUGH ANGOLAN AND/OR KATANGESE INTERMEDIARY, BUT (B) WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ANGOLAN ORIGIN MANGANESE. (THERE APPARENTLY IS AN ANGOLAN MANGANESE MINE NEAR THE ZAIRIAN BORDER, WHICH

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PRODUCES ; MINERAL IDENTIFIABLY DIFFERENT FROM THE KISENGE PRODUCT.)

3. TEMPELSMAN WILL NOW DISCONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH CULEMANS

AS ONLY WAY LEFT TO DETERMINE IF OFFER SOLID AND IF SO, CAN IT BE DELIVERED, WOULD BE TO PLACE ORDER. NEITHER

HE NOR UNION CARBIDE ARE PREPARED TO DO SO. CHRISTOPHER

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